BASE Buildings Test Space HVAC Characteristics: Types of Supply Vents

	Number of Buildings Reporting ¹	
	Primary Supply Vent	Secondary Supply Vent
Supply Vent Type	Type ²	Type ³
Linear Ceiling Diffusers	40	5
Sidewall Diffusers	0	1
High Sidewall Diffusers	1	3
Floor Registers	0	0
Perforated Ceiling Panels	5	2
Square or Round Ceiling Diffusers	51	17
Floor or Near-Floor Diffusers	0	1
Low Sidewall Grilles	1	1
Fan Coil Units or Unit Ventilators	2	0
Slots Around Ceiling Luminaires	11	0
Other	4	1
Total Number of Buildings Reporting	97	97

Notes:

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¹Number of buildings based on all test spaces served by mechanical ventilation (n=97).

²Number of buildings within column may add up to greater than the total number of buildings if some buildings had more than one primary supply vent type.

³Number of buildings within column do not add up to the total number of buildings as some buildings reported no secondary supply vent type.

Variable Descriptions:

Primary Supply Vent Type describes the primary type of supply vent installed throughout the test space.

Secondary Supply Vent Type describes the secondary type of supply vent installed throughout the test space.

The following categories apply:

Linear Ceiling Diffusers are long strip-shaped supply air vents with one or more narrow openings, depending on the number of bars or vanes.

Sidewall Diffusers are supply air vents located on a wall that consist of a series of separate concentric rings or louvers that distribute the air equally in all directions.

High Sidewall Diffusers are supply air vents located near the ceiling on a wall that consist of a series of separate concentric rings or louvers that distribute the air equally in all directions.

Floor Registers are grilles located in the floor with volume control dampers mounted behind the grille.

Perforated Ceiling Panels are usually found as part of a suspended ceiling system where there are slots or perforations throughout the ceiling, which serve as air outlets.

Square or Round Ceiling Diffusers are supply air vents located in the ceiling that consist of a series of separate concentric rings or louvers that distribute the air equally in all directions.

Floor or Near-Floor Diffusers are supply air vents located near the floor on a wall or on the floor that consist of a series of separate concentric rings or louvers that distribute the air equally in all directions.

Low Sidewall Grilles are supply vents located on the wall near the floor that consist of frames with parallel bars which may be fixed or adjustable that deflect the air.

Fan Coil Units or Unit Ventilators consist of a finned-tube coil supplied with hot or chilled water from a central source and a fan that circulates room air over the coil. These units are sometimes provided with an outdoor air connection through the exterior wall.

Slots Around Ceiling Luminaries are supply vents that are cut into the light fixtures in the ceiling.

Other are supply air vents that are not otherwise defined.

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